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1. SUDANESE ATTORNEY. I HAD SESSION AUG. 29 WITH GALAL ALI LUFTI AND BELIEVE HE IS PRECISELY LEGAL ADVISER WE NEED DURING TRIAL PERIOD. HE IS ASTUTE, EXPERIENCED AND COMMITTED INTELLECTUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY TO INTEGRITY SUDANESE JUSTICE AND PUNISHMENT OF THE MURDERERS. ALTHOUGH AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSISTING EMBASSY AS OBSERVER, HS WOULD NOT MAKE FORMAL COMMITMENT PENDING CLARIFICATION GOS STANCE ON TRIAL ACCESS, SCHEDULE HIS OTHER LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SOME THROUGH HIS PERSONAL SAFETY. RE LAST POINT, I ASSURED HIM EMB WOULD KEEP HIS ROLE CONFIDENTIAL IF HE WISHED. NOTE: EMB PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED ATABANI (REFTEL A) AS CANDIDATE IN VIEW FREQUENT ABSENCES KHARTOUM ON INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SOME QUESTIONABLE ASPECTS HIS POLITICAL PAST.

2. PUFTI COMMENTED HE PREFERS CIVILIAN TRIAL TO MILITARY SINCE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE DEFENSE CAN SUCCEED UNDER WELL-ESTABLISHED SUDANESE LAW. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE INTEGRITY JUDGES AND OTHER LEGAL OFFICIALS
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INVOLVED, BUT CONFIRMED DEFENSE WILL SEEK EXTEND TRIAL

AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN HOPE INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC
POLITICAL EVENTS WILL ASSIST CASE, PROMOTION PALESTINIAN
PROPAGANDA AND DESIRE DEFENSE LAWYERS FOR PERSONAL
PUBLICITY.

3. TRIAL ACCESS. DURING MEETING AUG. 23IWITH MFA
UNDERSEC FADL OBEID, I INQUIRED IF ANY RESPONSE YET
RECEIVED FOR ATTGEN ZAKI MUSTUFA CONCERNING EMBASSY
TRIAL ACCESS (REFTEL B). MBEID COMMENTED HE HAD RELAYED
US AND BELGIAN REQUESTS, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE ATTGEN HAD
AS YET FOCUSED ON THE MATTER. HE SUGGESTED I RAISE
MATTER WITH FONMIN ON HIS RETURN NEXT MONTH WHICH I
INTEND TO DO. FRITTS

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